



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **8**

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Mike Holmes, Council Member
Prepared by: Amy M. Lind, Deputy/Assistant City Clerk
Date: October 24, 2011
Subject: "In God We Trust" Signage

The Issue

Shall the City Council approve "In God We Trust" signage to be displayed in a prominent location in the City Council Chambers?

Conclusion and Recommendation

By **RESOLUTION**, approve the display of the national motto "In God We Trust" in a prominent location in the City Council Chambers.

Background

Councilor Holmes was recently contacted by an organization called In God We Trust – America. The organization asked the council to consider approving a sign that would say "In God We Trust," and hang in the Council Chambers.

This effort is in reaction to groups wanting to take the words off United States currency and other things. The statement is not promoting any particular religion and is a statement of one of the principles the United States was founded on.

As brought forward at the last Council meeting by Councilor Holmes the attached is the resolution which would officially approve the placement of an "In God We Trust" sign in the Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-
"IN GOD WE TRUST" SIGNAGE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTS THE
DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN A PROMINENT
LOCATION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WHEREAS, "In God We Trust" became the United States national motto on July
30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World
War II and,

WHEREAS, the words have been used on U. S. currency since 1864, and

WHEREAS, the same slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate
Chamber as well as above the Speaker's dais in the House of Representatives
and,

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of
strength and guidance to many generations of Americans and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to display this patriotic motto in the Council
Chambers as a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in
our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of
Auburn, California does hereby resolve as follows:

1 That the City Council of Auburn, California, does hereby determine that the
2 historic and patriotic words of our national motto "In God We Trust" shall be
3 permanently and prominently displayed in the City of Auburn Council
4 Chambers.

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6 DATED: October 24, 2011

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8 ATTEST: William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor

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10 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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12 I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
13 that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of the City
14 Council of the City of Auburn held on the 24th day of October 2011 by the
15 following vote on roll call:

16 Ayes:
17 Noes:
18 Absent:

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20 Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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